The saga of the omnibus public lands bill that President Barack Obama signed into law in late March has been compared by at least one Congress watcher to a long and slow-moving wagon train. On the day that it finally cleared the House, Natural Resources Chairman Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) told his colleagues that “the road leading us here today has been a long one and it has contained a few twists and turns along the way.”

He should know. He and Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) were the wagon masters and at times must have felt like they were doubling as a 20-mule team, pulling all 160 wagons. On the one hand, their deft procedural maneuvering out of legislative box canyons was a sight to behold. On the other, it was not a particularly pretty picture from an open-and-orderly-process standpoint.

What ultimately saved the 1,218-page, $5.5 billion authorization bill (not a spending bill) was the fact that so many Representatives and Senators of both parties had spent so much time and effort on the multitude of projects in the legislation (roughly half to each party).

It all began routinely in the previous Congress when a host of individual public lands bills — designating wilderness areas, wild and scenic rivers, hiking trails, heritage areas, water projects, and historic preservation initiatives — were reported and began working their way through the process. The House had passed roughly 70 of these over the course of the 110th Congress under the suspension of the rules process. (There is no such thing as a “suspension calendar.”) The suspension process, which is used for small, noncontroversial matters, permits just 40 minutes of debate, allows no amendments and requires a two-thirds vote for passage. That means suspension measures must have bipartisan backing. (Roughly 80 percent of all laws enacted by Congress originate under the House suspension process.)

The Senate committee had reported another 90 individual bills. But all were blocked by “holds” placed on them by Sen. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), who objected to considering such measures under the traditional unanimous consent procedure, which allows for no debate or amendments. Coburn was concerned about the cumulative costs involved (when the authorizations are later funded through the appropriations process) — and for enforcement. The license is to be

Ordinarily, if a bill fails under suspension but has majority support, it is taken to the House Rules Committee for a special rule that allows the bill to be reconsidered and passed by majority vote. However, in this instance, the leadership did not want to risk having a minority amendment adopted in a motion to recommit the bill with instructions (something the Rules Committee cannot prohibit).

Instead, House leaders prevailed on Reid to use a House-passed shell bill — a six-page measure authorizing grants to acquire and protect Revolutionary and 1812 war battlefields — and offer the 1,218-page omnibus lands bill as a substitute. In that way, when the bill came back to the House from the Senate, the House could simply adopt a special rule to concur in the Senate amendment without further amendments or motion to recommit, thereby sending the bill straight to the president.

This time Reid did let Coburn offer six amendments, one of which was adopted, page Congressional Research Service summary.) The Majority Leader easily won two cloture motions to prevent filibusters, “felled the amendment tree” to prevent anyone else from offering amendments, and handily won final passage, 73-21, on Jan. 15.

When the omnibus measure came to the House, the leadership decided to bring it up under the suspension process, even though it violated Democratic Caucus Rule 38 “guidelines” against considering under suspension “major legislation” or bills that “make or authorize appropriations in excess of $100 million.” Under that rule, however, all that is needed to waive the guideline is clearance by the Democratic Steering Committee.

The majority leadership chose the suspension route to avoid any troublesome amendments that might torpedo the package and cause it to be sent back to the Senate. However, Rahall found it necessary at the last minute to attach several amendments to win over more votes. (Only a bill’s majority floor manager can amend a suspension bill.) Despite these tweaks, the bill still fell two votes short of the two-thirds needed to pass.

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Conservationists mourn loss of leading activist

T oiyabe Trails

The Eastern Sierra, the state, and the nation lost a great woman on March 31, 2009. Andrea Mead Lawrence, a resident of Lakeside, California, passed away at the age of 70. Andrea was a champion of her community and its long- ranging environmental heritage. She was firm yet gentle, kind yet firm, a true leader whose influence will be felt for generations to come.

Andrea was a tireless advocate for the environment and was a driving force behind many conservation efforts. She was a leader in the Sierra Club, serving as both President and Chair of the Toiyabe Chapter. Her passion for conservation was evident in all aspects of her life, from her work as a lawyer to her dedication to her community.

Andrea was known for her unwavering commitment to the environment. She worked tirelessly to protect wetlands, forests, and wildlife habitats. She was a strong advocate for renewable energy sources and was a vocal opponent of polluting industries. Andrea's work was driven by her belief that the environment is the foundation of all life and that we must protect it for future generations.

Andrea's influence extended beyond her work in conservation. She was a mentor to many and was known for her generosity and kindness. She was a role model for all who knew her and her legacy will continue to inspire others to work towards a better future for the environment.

Andrea's passing is a loss to the Eastern Sierra, the state of California, and the nation. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and community. Her contributions to conservation will continue to be felt for years to come.

PROCEDURE FOR 2009 TOIYABE ELECTIONS

Sierra Club launches new online communities

The Toiyabe Chapter Election Committee Chair is Jane Schretzman. The Toiyabe Chapter has elected three new online community leaders:

- Sierra Club Communications Chair (see Chapter Website)
- Sierra Club Social Committee Chair (see Chapter Website)
- Sierra Club Environmental Activism Chair (see Chapter Website)

Online communities provide a platform for members to connect, share information, and take action on environmental issues. To join an online community, visit the Sierra Club website and create a user profile. Once you have created a profile, you can join as many communities as you like.

Sierra Club encourages all members to participate in online communities and take action on environmental issues. To learn more about online communities and how to get involved, visit the Sierra Club website.
California Budget Crisis Endangers Boxer, McKeon, Miller Hailed Heroes of California wilderness bill

W eekly Roll Call votes, newspaper headlines, and extended floor debate have branded Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Congressman Gary L. (G.P.) McKeon (R-CA), along with influential House Interior Committee Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT), as the heroes of the California Wilderness Act. The legislation, which was signed into law on August 12, 2009, protects more than 50 million acres of federal lands in California, including parts of the Sierra Nevada and the eastern Sierra. A major victory for environmentalists, the act also protects the Sierra Nevada's unique and rich biodiversity, and provides new opportunities for recreation and education.

The act was a two-year battle for the Sierra Club and its allies, who fought tirelessly to ensure its passage. The Sierra Club’s lobbying efforts were led by top policy staff and volunteers, who worked closely with Boxer, McKeon, and Bishop to secure key amendments and compromises that would ensure the act’s success. The result is a landmark piece of legislation that will protect and preserve California’s natural and recreational heritage for generations to come.

As the law comes into effect, the Sierra Club will continue to work with its partners to ensure the act’s successful implementation and monitoring. We will also work to protect the act’s provisions, including the creation of new national parks and monuments, and the establishment of new opportunities for public access and recreation. The Sierra Club is committed to ensuring that the California Wilderness Act is a true legacy for all Californians.

For more information, visit our website (sierraclub.org) or contact our office at (800) 427-4352. Thank you for your support, and for your role in making this law a reality.
How much “big solar” must the desert suffer?

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moldering down through the Joshua trees is a saguaro rebellion. Protectors of desert places are yeasty. Proposals for using solar arrays to replace the trees will all the wild places suffer more than their fair share? Are processes in place equitable and honest? Let’s try to answer some of these questions.

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CHAPTER GBG OPPOSE Sierra Club-business partnerships

A few years back, the Sierra Club entered into a business "Galley," at our home page. This action was taken by the board of directors with much controversy within the club. In 2008, a task force was appointed at the Great Basin Group (GBG) Outings panel of photo experts on the basis of our "Gallery" at our home page. Photos must have been taken on any digital photography and will spend time with each participant to help them to get directions.

GBG sets photo contest photo contest

Many of our Great Basin Group members have been taking superb photos on our outings, and many of these have been uploaded to our website. It is my opinion and the Great Basin Group's that no such partnerships should exist. On May 2, 2009, the Toiyabe Chapter GBG passed a resolution concerning the draft policy of the Sierra Club on business partnerships. The full text of the "Resolution to Oppose the Sierra Club's Draft Policy of the Board-Approved Business Partnerships" can be found on our website.

If you are interested in learning more about our business partnerships, the draft policy, or policies/business-partnerships/business partnerships-draft policy, you may view our website. You can also see the description of the photo contest, and our website.

GBG Outings continued from page 11 of this issue: Gary Hamann (425-7242, ghamann@unr.edu) or Holly (331-7488) for questions.

Photography: River Walk. Started at a designated place for sunset shots. Location will be set the week prior. ND. Trip limit 10. Leader: Daniel Smith (775-530-2935). Moderate. Cond. Rating: A.

August 22 (saturday) 6:30-8:30 pM

Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. Call for directions.

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Deadline for photo submission is August 31, 2009. Visit our website at

http://www.sierraclub.org/administration/home. This action was taken by the board of directors with much controversy within the club.

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River Bottoms. Leader: Jack Sawyer (702-228-3857).

JULY 10 (MONDAY)
Fletcher Creek, SNMA. Up through Oak Creek to the waterfall and back. No reservations necessary. Leader: Bill Gardner (468-2931).

JULY 11 (TUESDAY)
Mill Creek, SNMA, Bill James, Kathy Callahan, Jerry Bowers, and Kathy Callahan. Level 4-6.

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Summer Picnic at Mahogany Springs, SNMA. Bring a jacket. See page 7. All members welcome. Contact: Kathy Callahan (702-648-2983).

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Fletcher Loop, SNMA. We begin at the Old Mill Loop trailhead, climb up shady trail to top of South Loop, and return on the Bonanza trail to the lower Old Mill camp ground cross country. See photo: USFWS/C. Nalen. Level 5.

JULY 21 (FRIDAY)
Mountain Suites, SNMA. For the wild flowers at these high altitudes, mini-bus departs from Las Vegas at 8:30 AM, 30 mi, 5000+ ft gain, off trail, high altitude, preferred). Level 5-6.

JULY 22 (SATURDAY)
Parker River Valley, SNMA. A hike from Fort Apache through the Parker River Valley to Little Parker and back. Level 2-3.

JULY 23 (SUNDAY)
Beginner's Hike in the Spring Mountains, SNMA. This hike begins at the Spring Mountains Ski Resort. Level 1.

JULY 24 (MONDAY)
Mount Charleston, SNMA. Meet the new generation of children is growing up mostly indoors, with little understanding of good versus evil, honesty, rugged individualism, and other values essential for species survival. Climate changes will allow wildlife adaptation and new species to evolve. Education is key to keeping our parks healthy and so will be our job as park enthusiasts. Let’s get out and enjoy the parks. Leader: Dave Hardy (875-4549, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com; e-mail preferred). Level 5-6.

JULY 25 (TUESDAY)
Fletcher Loop, SNMA. We begin at the Old Mill Loop trailhead, climb up shady trail to top of South Loop, and return on the Bonanza trail to the lower Old Mill camp ground cross country. See photo: USFWS/C. Nalen. Level 5.

JULY 26 (WEDNESDAY)
Fletcher Loop, SNMA. We begin at the Old Mill Loop trailhead, climb up shady trail to top of South Loop, and return on the Bonanza trail to the lower Old Mill camp ground cross country. See photo: USFWS/C. Nalen. Level 5.

JULY 27 (THURSDAY)
Fletcher Loop, SNMA. We begin at the Old Mill Loop trailhead, climb up shady trail to top of South Loop, and return on the Bonanza trail to the lower Old Mill camp ground cross country. See photo: USFWS/C. Nalen. Level 5.

JULY 28 (FRIDAY)
Summer Picnic at Mahogany Springs, SNMA. Bring a jacket. See page 7. All members welcome. Contact: Kathy Callahan (702-648-2983).

JULY 29 (SATURDAY)
Fletcher Loop, SNMA. We begin at the Old Mill Loop trailhead, climb up shady trail to top of South Loop, and return on the Bonanza trail to the lower Old Mill camp ground cross country. See photo: USFWS/C. Nalen. Level 5.

JULY 30 (SUNDAY)
Fletcher Loop, SNMA. We begin at the Old Mill Loop trailhead, climb up shady trail to top of South Loop, and return on the Bonanza trail to the lower Old Mill camp ground cross country. See photo: USFWS/C. Nalen. Level 5.

JULY 31 (MONDAY)
Mount Charleston, SNMA. Meet the new generation of children is growing up mostly indoors, with little understanding of good versus evil, honesty, rugged individualism, and other values essential for species survival. Climate changes will allow wildlife adaptation and new species to evolve. Education is key to keeping our parks healthy and so will be our job as park enthusiasts. Let’s get out and enjoy the parks. Leader: Dave Hardy (875-4549, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com; e-mail preferred). Level 5-6.
Omnibus Bill, continued from page 1
before the Senate passed the bill, 77-20, on
March 19. The House followed suit six days
later, passing the identical measure, 285-140,
after the Rules Committee had turned down
14 amendments requested by Members.

The morals of this long and winding saga are that all politics is local and that bipartisanship trumps everything — from committee consideration and reports to a fair and open floor amendment process.

From the redwood forests to the Gulf Stream waters, this lands bill was made for you and me.

Don Wolfensberger is director of the Congress Project at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and former staff director of the House Rules Committee.

— Thanks to Sally Miller for having made this article available.

GBG Outings, continued from page 9
to know their camera. DOK. Trip limit 12.
Leader: Graham Stafford (retired profes-
sional photographer and teacher) (668-8478,
graham@grahamstafford.com). Easy and
fun.

SEPTEMBER 29 (TUESDAY) 5:30-7:30 PM
Easy Conditioning Hike. Call hotline
(473-1445) for details.

SEPTEMBER 30 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30-7:30 PM
Last of Holly’s Fast-Paced Conditioning
Hikes. Call hotline (473-1445) for details.

SEPTEMBER 31 (THURSDAY) 5:30-7:30 PM
Moderate Conditioning Hike. Call hotline
(473-1445) for details.

GBG program, continued from page 9
equipment. Jenn has conducted extensive research to learn about their foraging, hiber-
nation, migration, and roosting locations. At the meeting you’ll learn about her research
and the measures that the NDOW is taking
to help protect Nevada’s rapidly dwindling
bat population. All programs are free and
open to the public. Info: Valerie Andersen,
775-828-0302.

Obama taps Abbey for BLM
The Toiyabe Chapter and Friends of Ne-
veda Wilderness are pleased with President
Obama’s nomination of Bob Abbey for Di-
rector of the BLM. We are looking forward
to working with Bob in helping to manage our
public lands during a time of unprec-
edented social, economic, environmental,
and cultural changes in our nation.

With the recent establishment of the Na-
tional Landscape and Conservation System,
we will have numerous opportunities to
work with Bob to shape the future of this
new land management system and to ensure
that our national treasures remain for future
generations.

Bob had served eight years as the Nevada
State Director, where he provided direc-
tion and oversight for 48 million acres of
public land managed by the Bureau of Land
Management. While in Nevada, Bob
was recognized for his willingness to com-
unicate with everyone and his ability to
manage public lands to enhance local and
national economies while assuring the sus-
tainability and ecological health of historic
and natural resources.

Deadline for Oc t.-Nov.-Dec.
Toiyabe Trails: September 1.
Send all inputs to
Editor, Lynne Foster,
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“Keep Washoe Wild!”

Sunday, July 19, from 5 to 9 pm, the
Great Basin Group will celebrate their
Keep Washoe Wild campaign at the newly
restored Fish Hatchery at Galena Creek Re-
gional Park. The night will include games
with door prizes and a great 3-piece band
(Milestones), and more. Finger foods and
soft drinks provided; members may bring
their own alcoholic beverages.

To help reduce waste, bring your own
reusable cup or glass. When the band takes a
break, we’ll update you on Keep ing Washoe
Wild. Learn about the Reno and Washoe
County Open Space and Greenway Plans,
the special areas included in the plans, and
what you can do to help make these plans
succeed.

Parking is limited, so carpool. (Carpoolers
with at least 3 people per vehicle will get
raffle tickets for door prizes.)

Fee: $10/person. Must RSVP to Grace
Caudill by July 12 (626-7873). Info: Val-
erie Andersen (828-0302).

Directions: Go seven miles up the Mt.
Rose Highway (SR 431) from its intersec-
tion with U.S. 395. Take the South (second)
Entrance into the park. Follow the road up
the hill past a lower parking lot. Make a
tight right when at the sign for Marilyn’s Pond
and Camp WeChMe. Continue about 150 yards
to the Fish Hatchery. Drop off people
near the Hatchery and then park below to let
people less mobile park near the Hatchery.

National Parks, continued from page 11
ning energy. We see all our national parks
vigorously promoting public transportation,
so that people will be able to go to national
parks on trains or other public transit and,
once there, will be able to appreciate our
natural world without a car.

The United States pioneered the National
Park idea, using parks to bring nature closer
to life’s critical needs. But today we lag
behind other countries in using national
parks to learn about, protect, and perpetu-
at our natural world. National parks are
ideal places to learn how our natural world
reacts and adapts to change. As the potential
consequences of and the need to react to
global climate change become more and
more apparent, these natural areas will take
take center stage and assume a critical role.

Expanding our system of national parks
should be the prime goal of our Second Cen-
tury of our National Park System. Please
help us fulfill this goal so that national parks
can play an instrumental role in making a
better world for us, for our children and
for our grandchildren.

To learn more about the National Parks and
Monuments Team, join our efforts, propose
new parks near you, or to share concerns for
our national parks, contact chair John Byrne
(byrne_97@yahoo.com) or liaison Vicky
Hoover (Vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org).

And, why not check out our new Hand-
book for Expanding National Parks on the
.org/committees/nationalparks/dowloads/
national-parks-handbook.pdf?

O H V B I L l , c o n t i n u e d f r o m p a g e 1
displayed on the vehicle and will be at
least as large as a license for a highway
motorcycle.

An 11-person commission will oversee
the distribution of up to 85% of the fee
collected. Five members of the commis-
sion will be a sportsman and a rancher
and representatives from the Association
of Counties, law enforcement, and De-
partment of Conservation and Natural
Resources. Six members are OHV users or
dealers or racers. The commission controls
where on the vehicle the license is placed.
(Of course, license visibility is crucial for
enforcement.)

The commission also controls the pur-
se-strings for 60% of the fund for expenditures
on OHV trails and facilities including: 1)
studies, 2) mapping and signing, 3) land ac-
quisition, 4) maintenance, 5) construction,
and 6) restoration of damaged land.

An OHV user in a non-OHV category
will be a sportsman and a rancher
and representatives from the Association
of Counties, law enforcement, and Depart-
ment of Conservation and Natural
Resources. Six members are OHV users or
dealers or racers. The commission controls
where on the vehicle the license is placed.
(Of course, license visibility is crucial for
enforcement.)

How will the bill affect OHV manage-
ment? No one knows. Will the new law
help in the control of OHV abuses? That
remains to be seen.